

Brock Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Ava Brock

County: Washington

Date of Birth: 8/20/2022

Date of Death: 8/27/2022

Report Number: 2022-253460

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Ava Brock	7 days old	Deceased child
Brenna Chapman	27 years old	Mother
Tammy Brock	45 years old	Grandmother
██████████	15 years old	Uncle

Circumstances Surrounding Death

The infant was born via a cesarean section on 8/20/2022 at a local medical facility. The infant was transferred to UF Health Shands Hospital facility where she was admitted to the NICU and died on 8/27/2022.

The mother admitted to using illegal substances while pregnant daily until her arrest in May 2022 for possession of meth with the intent to sell/deliver/manufacture. She was using methamphetamines, cocaine, marijuana, and other drugs. Prior to her incarceration, she would smoke methamphetamines two to three times daily, use cocaine two to three times weekly, and occasionally smoke marijuana. When she was released from jail in June 2022, she continued using illegal substances. She admitted her last methamphetamine use was in August, prior to the infant's birth. At that time, she did a "hot shot" which is methamphetamine being drawn into a medical syringe then shot into the rectum. While the mother suspected she was pregnant, it wasn't until she was incarcerated that she found out for sure. Her only prenatal care was received while she was incarcerated. Following the infant's death, the mother claimed she was not using illegal substances but would not make herself available to complete a urinalysis. She also claimed to be completing a substance misuse program but would not sign a release of information to confirm her participation. The mother's drug screen, at the time of the birth, was negative for substances.

The law enforcement investigation was closed with no criminal charges filed following a consult with the State Attorney's Office.

Medical Examiner autopsy findings: Cause of Death: Complications of prematurity due to placental abruption. Contributing conditions: Maternal chronic tobacco and drug abuse. Manner of Death: Natural.

The department closed the investigation with verified findings of death and substance exposed newborn.

Other Children in the Family

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The minor uncle resides with his mother.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The department had no prior involvement with the deceased child nor with the mother as an adult.

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